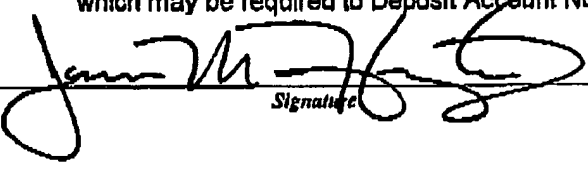
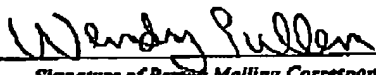


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. 027250.002
In Re Application Of: LOVE, Franklin Sadler, et al			
Serial No. 09/783,353	Filing Date February 14, 2001	Examiner John C. Hong	Group Art Unit 3726
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE DESCALING OF METAL			
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>December 19, 2002</u> in the above-identified application. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Three months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 5px;"><div>from: <u>March 19, 2003</u> <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small></div><div>until: <u>April 19, 2003</u> <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Date</small></div></div>			
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</div>			
The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows: <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1215 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 18-1215 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</div>			
 <small>Signature</small>		Dated: April 14, 2003	
cc:		<div style="font-size: small;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on April 14, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Wendy Pullen <small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div>	